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SUBJECT: GREEK FONMIN BITSIOS' VISIT TO SOFIA

1. IN JANUARY 15 MEETING OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL, GREEK PERMREP THEODOROPOULOS GAVE FOLLOWING DETAILS ON GREEK FONMIN BITSIOS' JANUARY 9-10 VISIT TO SOFIA.

2. IN BITSIOS' CONVERSTATIONS WITH BULGARIAN FONMIN BLADENOV, LATTER WENT OUT OF HIS WAY TO CATEGORICALLY DENY RUMORS THAT THE SOVIET UNION INTENDED TO ANNEX BULGARIA.

3. ON CSCE AND MBFR, THE BULGARIANS ECHOED CURRENT SOVIET LINES ON BOTH SUBJECTS.

4. ON BALKAN MULTILATERAL COOPERATION, THE BULGARIANS SAID SUCH COOPERATION WAS POSSIBLE BUT ONLY AFTER THE DEVELOPMENT OF BETTER BILATERAL RELATIONS AMONG THE BALKAN STATES. THE BULGARIANS DID NOT, HOWEVER, REVIEW THE STATUS OF THEIR CURRENT BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH NEIGHBORING BALKAN COUNTRIES.
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5. IN THE BILATERAL FIELD, BULGARIA AND GREECE DISCUSSED INCREASED MOVEMENT OF BULGARIAN GOODS THROUGH TESSALONIKI AND SIGNED A TRADE AGREEMENT.
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